

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image pickup apparatus comprising:  
a solid-state image pickup device that converts an object image into an electrical signal;  
a housing member; and  
a chassis comprising a plurality of stepwise bent portions, wherein bent portions positioned at opposing ends of said chassis are fixed at respective ends of said image pickup apparatus in a state contacting said housing member.
2. An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a recording-medium accommodating unit, wherein said recording-medium accommodating unit is disposed in a space formed utilizing said stepwise bent portions of said chassis.
3. An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a recording-medium accommodating unit, wherein said recording-medium accommodating unit is surrounded by said stepwise bent portions of said chassis.
4. An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 2, further comprising a battery accommodating unit, wherein said recording-medium accommodating unit is surrounded by said battery accommodating unit and said chassis.

5. An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein said recording-medium accommodating unit is fixed to said battery accommodating unit.

6. An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of stepwise bent portions has a cornered-U-shape.

7. An image pickup apparatus comprising:

a solid-state image pickup device that converts an object image into an electrical signal;

a recording-medium accommodating unit that accommodates a recording medium detachably mountable in a main body of said image pickup apparatus;

a battery accommodating unit that accommodates a battery operating as a power supply for the main body of said image pickup apparatus;

a housing member; and

a chassis comprising a plurality of stepwise bent portions,

wherein bent portions positioned at opposing both ends of said chassis are fixed at respective ends of said image pickup apparatus,

wherein said battery accommodating unit is formed utilizing said stepwise bent portions of said chassis, and is fixed to said chassis, and

wherein said recording-medium accommodating unit is fixed in a space surrounded by said chassis and said battery accommodating unit.